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## Ten Years Ago in Timmins

FROM DATA IN THE PORCUPINE ADVANCE FILES

Ten years ago Timmins Firemen won all the best prizes at the Tennis-kaming Firemen's Tournament held that year on July 2nd at Cobalt. The Timmins firemen won the silver cup given in competition for the best brigade, together with \$100 in cash. They won the wagon race with time of 71 seconds. Jack MacLean, deputy chief, and Phil Theriault won first and second respectively in the 100 yds. race. Timmins won the tug-

of-war. Chief Borland even went in the Chief's race and showed the younger lads how to run, finishing third in a strong field. About 100 from Timmins accompanied the firemen to Cobalt for the event. There was a great reception given Chief Borland and his men on their return here after the event. The Timmins Band headed a procession that formed at the station on the arrival of the train. The procession marched to the fire hall where there was insistent demand for a speech from the fire chief. Chief Borland thanked the citizens for their appreciation and support and told the big crowd how proud he was of the firemen here. This was the first of a series of successes by the Timmins firemen at tournaments in the North, the firemen also proving they were equally good at actual fire-fighting work.

Ten years ago Miss Annie Kent, of Schumacher, passed her final examinations at Alma College, St. Thomas, with high honours and much credit to herself. Miss Kent won her diploma, taking first-class honours in shorthand, and second-class honours in bookkeeping subjects. In addition she took the prize for commercial work—a beautifully bound volume of E. Pauline Johnson's poems.

On June 30th, 1917, the Hollinger Mine posted notices to the effect that the minimum wage for underground work would be \$4 per day. This action did much to clear up the labour situation here.

An interesting letter from Pte. Hugh McEachren to Mr. Peter Chapman ten years ago was reproduced in The Advance. Pte. McEachren wrote from "somewhere in France" and he enclosed in the letter some flowers

picked on Vimy Ridge. "We have been enjoying real summer for the last six weeks," says the letter, "and crops are doing splendidly. The contrast between the green fields behind the lines and the churned-up ground of the front line is very marked."

Here is an item from The Advance of July 4th, 1917, that should be of special interest just at present:—"In Fripp township recently, John Jones, took out some wonderful samples from what are generally known as the Stanley Martin claims. These samples run 37 per cent. copper and \$32.00 to the ton in gold, and they are not picked from a pocket either but just fair averages as they come. The Stanley Martin claims were staked before the Porcupine otherwise was discovered. Stanley Martin was in partnership in the matter with Joe Moore, the Indian prospector, and they located these claims in 1907. Martin went to the front with the Princess Pats, and was killed. He had intended that his partner should have the claims in such a case, but on account of some formality in the registering it is not known now whether Mr. Moore has a clear title or not, or whether the claims have lapsed and so are open to the last staker."

Ten years ago the body of Mr. O. M. Hennessy, well-known and highly regarded in the North Land, was found just below Couchiching Falls. He was one of the outside staff of the Abitibi Power & Paper Co., and his death was deeply regretted by wide circles. He had gone on a canoe trip, and the paddles of the canoe were found some days later while there was no word nor trace of Mr. Hennessy or companion. Search parties went out seeking the two men, and eventually the body of Mr. Hennessy was recovered. He was one of the most widely-known lumbermen in the North, and had also been one of the town councillors of Haileybury. A widow and five children were left to mourn his loss.

Ten years ago Mr. Thos. Banks, Timmins, received word that his son, Lieut. H. R. Banks, who had been reported as wounded, was not seriously hurt and would be around again in a few weeks.

At a euchre party given ten years ago by the young ladies of the R.C. church a handsome amount was netted for the cemetery fund. There were 50 tables and over 200 contestants at cards. The musical programme was one of the best including:—solos by Mrs. E. Everard, Mrs. J. W. Faithful, Mrs. J. Theriault, and Mr. Jack Cade; and a quartette by Messrs J. B. Pare, L. E. Theriault, L. Pare and J. Pare. Miss Mary Donovan was the capable accompanist. Rev. Fr. Theriault very acceptably acted as chairman, his wit and humour being a feature of the programme.

The Advance ten years ago says:—"Mr. E. H. Hill, formerly of Timmins, but now Division Court Clerk with headquarters at South Porcupine, was in town last week at the sittings of the Division court and had a lame excuse for carrying a cane. He was playing tennis at South End the other day and injured his knee in the game, with the result that he is crippled for the time. Tennis is considered a mild sport generally, but Ernie says that they do everything with great strenuousness over in South Porcupine, and solitaire is more deadly there than hockey or rugby in other places, or words to that effect. However, all will wish him a safe, sure and speedy recovery from an injury that he may joke about to hide its painfulness."

There were thirty-one cases at the division court at Timmins ten years ago. One of the cases was that of a woman who was sued by a solicitor for an account for services rendered. The judge favoured the solicitor's side of the case as the most reasonable, but the lady "spoke her mind" regarding judges, lawyers, courts and everything in so objectionable a way that the judge eventually ordered her from the court.

Among the local and district notes in The Advance ten years ago were the following:—"Cochrane hospital is in need of funds to keep the institution going. The cost of upkeep is greater than the revenue from patients." "Through the efforts of Capt. Magladeray a grant of \$5000.00 has been made by the Government for the permanent improvement of the road between Haileybury and New Liskeard." "For black-flies and mosquitoes, this is one of the worst seasons known in the North Land. The little pests are holding joyous jubilee of Canada's fiftieth birthday." "The police in Cobalt have just succeeded in breaking up a gang of boys who have been making themselves a nuisance for some time past, stealing everything but good names."

"Mr. Jas. P. Bartleman has returned after a few weeks' visit in Toronto." "Mr. Harry Irwin, of Schumacher, has left the McIntyre to take a position with the Abitibi Power & Paper Co." "Messrs W. H. Pritchard and T. Blackman paid a visit on Wednesday to the Abitibi's big plant at Iroquois Falls." "At Cobalt fire hall on Tuesday evening, on behalf of the Timmins fire brigade, Alderman W. H. Whelan, of Cobalt, presented Mr. S. McLeod with a handsome solid leather club bag, as a mark of the appreciation of the Timmins firemen for this popular member of the brigade, who was leaving that evening to accept a position in Cochrane." "Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Houston have left the Dome Mines for Edmonton where Mr. Houston intends to take up a farm. Mr. Houston has been a long time in the camp, and his many friends here regret very much

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the removal of this very popular citizen. All will also hope that his health, which has been responsible for the change, will soon prove all that he could wish or desire." "Mr. Jimmy Grant, of the McIntyre, has left for a vacation in Toronto." "Mr. H. Skavlem, of the Hollinger, has left for a visit to the U.S.A." "The post office has discontinued for the summer months, the opening of the office on Sunday afternoons." "While coming up from the river the other evening Chief Craft, while suffering from a slight cold, coughed so strenuously to relieve his throat, with the result that he burst a blood vessel somewhere in the passageway. He was under the doctor's care for a day or two, but now is about all right again." "St. Matthew's church choir and Sunday School were entertained at the home of Mrs. W. H. Pritchard on Thursday evening last in honour of Mr. T. Dowler, principal of the Timmins public school, who recently resigned to take a place in the south. Mr. Dowler has been an active and helpful worker in the Sunday School and in other church and social activities, and he will be much missed here where he was much esteemed. A musical programme of merit and a very pleasant social evening were passed at Mrs. Pritchard's, and Mr. Dowler will thus carry with him pleasant memories of his friends in Timmins." "Mr. John Nolan, who was fire chief here for four years in the days when the town was young and the council thought that the firemen needed only faith for fighting fires, was acting fire chief during the absence of Chief Borland at Cobalt. Fire Chief Nolan has never lost touch with fire brigade matters, being a nightly visitor at the fire hall and taking an interest and a delight in all the progress made by his old boys and all the new ones coming to the brigade. During his present tenure of office Fire Chief Nolan did not have a single call, but he would have been right on the job if needed. He had a large experience in the past, and his generous service as volunteer brigade chief in Timmins should not be passed without grateful notice by the public."

football, and will then receive the fullest support of their supporters. As the incident referred to goes they stand to lose everything.

Yours truly,  
"CLEAN SPORT."

Mr. Geo. Pond, and son, Jim, left on Tuesday morning for Cobalt, where Jim will visit relatives for some time. Mr. Pond will be joined at Cobalt by Mr. Cretney and the two of them intend to proceed to Temagami for a holiday and to get in touch with the fish for which Temagami district is famous.

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